MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The District Magistrate says that there were one or two. The member may take it that it is not less than two.

Statement, by caste, of Assistant Commissioners and Inspectors of the Excise Department.

208. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of Assistant Excise Commissioners and Inspectors of the Excise Department, existing on 15-8-1107; and

(*b*) their castes and the number belonging to each caste, Christians being classified as Jacobites, Anglicans, Mar Thomites, Roman catholics and Protestants?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) A statement * containing the information required is laid on the table.

Award of grant to the vishavaidyasala conducted by one Mr. Raman Nayar, Kartikapalli taluk.

209. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a memorial from the inhabitants of the Cheppad, Keerikad, Mutukulam Chingoli, Nangiarkulangara, Pallippad and Valiakuzhi pakuthies, praying that one Mr. Raman Nayar, a *vishavaidyan* rendering public service, may be encouraged in the conduct of his *vishavaidyasala* by giving him a grant; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken on the same?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The memorial is under enquiry by the Inspector of Ayurveda.

Circular prohibiting marriage of mistresses and Assistant Inspectresses of Schools.

210. **MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any circular or rule to the effect that mistresses and Assistant Inspectresses of Schools should be unmarried?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Appointment of qualified ladies in the Medical Department.

211. **MRS. ANNA CHANDI** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many qualified ladies (L. M. P.'s. and M. B. B. S.'s.) have applied for posts in the Medical Department during the last five years;

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(*b*) of these, how many were appointed;

(*c*) how many lady doctors who have been given acting vacancies are now waiting without appointments; and

(*d*) how many doctors are to retire in the year 1108?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 38.

(*b*) 4.

(*c*) 1.

(*d*) 12.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*): With reference to the answer to part (*d*), will the member be pleased to state whether Government think it necessary that at least one or two of these vacancies should be filled by qualified lady doctors.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The policy is to appoint lady doctors in vacancies of lady doctors' posts.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*): Do the Government feel the necessity for more lady doctors in the mofussil and other parts of the State?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government do feel the necessity.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*): May I know from the member how Government propose to meet the necessity?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): When funds are available.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*): Do Government think that the necessity can be postponed to an indefinite time till funds are available?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It will not be postponed to an indefinite time. Government will consider the matter.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*): Does not the member think that one of the methods of meeting the necessity would be to fill in one or two of the present vacancies with women?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Women are also appointed.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*): But do not the Government think that the appointments of women now made are quite inadequate?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is a matter of opinion.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*): Is the member aware of the representation made in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and the Legislative Council for the past so many years?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*): Then, how does the member say that it is a matter of opinion?

PRESIDENT: You must not argue.

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MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : I am just trying to get some information. I want to know at what time funds are expected to be available, at least approximately.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I cannot say now.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : So, does the member say that these demands will have to wait till funds become available ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : They will have to wait for some time at least till funds are available.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : Does the member think that this is a demand which can be postponed like that ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I do not say that.

Scholarships granted to lady students for higher studies in medicine.

212. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing :

(*a*) the names of female students who have been awarded scholarships by them for the study of medicine outside Travancore from the 1st Medam 1103 till the end of Edavam 1107 ;

(*b*) the amount that each of them gets per annum ; and

(*c*) the name of the institution in which each of them undergoes the course of instruction ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) A statement* furnishing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Conversion of the Perumbavur dispensary into a hospital.

213. **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA TARAKAN** (*Kunnatunad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether representatives of the people have requested them and the Administrative Board, Medical Services, to convert the Perumbavur dispensary into a hospital and to construct a building for the same ;

(*b*) if so, whether they have taken any action in the matter ; and

(*c*) if so, in what stage the action is ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) They considered the question fully and found no necessity for the time being to convert the dispensary into a hospital. The construction of a new building for housing the dispensary alone is under consideration.

Statement, by caste, of Head Constables.

214. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the Head Constables in the Police Department ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Th statement† required is laid on the table.

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